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"Weasel Words" from Hyde.

(Missouri State Journal.)

The State Board of Equalization, through the publicity bureau of the Republican State Committee, this week issued two thousand words of fiction and misstatement, intended to justify the action of the Board in increasing the tax burdens of the people of the state. The statement is intended to try to shift the responsibility from this Republican Board to the County Courts, city councils, County Assessors and local boards of various kinds. According to this remarkable statement, your local officials will be to blame for your high taxes, not this virtuous board of such marvelous attainments.

A fictitious tax receipt is given at the head of the statement, as distributed for publication. In this tax receipt, the state rate is again falsely stated as only 12.6, when it has been shown over and over again that the state tax rate for the current year will be 14.6. The Board naively admits as much, in small print, in the body of the statement, but says the rate will be reduced at the special session. Then it declares that 1 cent of the rate, being presumed to be the tax for blind pensions, was voted by the people on themselves, and that, therefore, the people are to blame for this item themselves. It has not occurred to these apologetic and sophistical gentry that the people voted the levy, but they did not vote for the assessment, which is the important thing, as the assessment is the factor against which the tax is levied. Moreover the tax for the blind is 2 cents, not 1 cent. It is proposed to reduce this tax, and pay for the extravagant Hyde administration at the expense of the blind.

In this hypothetical tax receipt, in which the state tax rate is falsely given as 12.6 instead of 14.6, an attempt is made to compute the amount of taxes paid on a valuation of \$2,000 last year, increased to \$4,000 by the State Board. The state tax paid for last year is stated as \$3.90, while it is admitted that the present year's taxes, at the actual rate, on the new valuation of \$4,000 would be \$5.84, which in itself is an actual increase of 62.2 per cent.

The Board calls attention to the act of the last Legislature providing that county taxes should not be increased so as to produce more than 10 per cent additional revenue. If your county taxes amount to more than this, according to this amazing utterance, the State Board is not to blame, but your county court.

The policy of the Board seems to be to shift responsibility. Any sort of shift will serve, even if it be necessary to say, as in the instance of the reference to the taxes for blind pensions, that the "people voted the taxes on themselves." If one were to read this dissembling document, without previous knowledge of the subject, the natural assumption would be that this Board has been greatly abused and imposed upon, first by the people themselves, who voted taxes (upon low assessments, of course); second, by the grasping county assessors; third, by the extravagant County Courts and City Councils, who are heaping these iniquitous tax burdens upon the people. The absurdity of this assertion—which can not even be dignified by the term, contention—appears, when it is considered that the State Board raised all assessments all over the State an average of 80 per cent, and that all levies, made by all County Courts and all City Councils, and all School Boards must be levied upon the new assessment.

Fortunately, the people will obtain definite and practical information when they come to pay their taxes this fall. The delusive and hypocritical evasions, put forth by this Board, headed by the Governor, will be fully revealed and conclusively proven when the people find out the actual amount of the actual taxes they will have to pay.

Let's quote a few more burning words from Hyde: "It is a time of increasing financial uneasiness. A tightening of money and credit has complicated the problem. Under such circumstances, no conscientious official can justify the unnecessary expenditure of a single dollar, or countenance for a minute either waste or extravagance," from the Governor's inaugural. Thereupon, the Legislature proceeded to appropriate \$9,000,000 more than any Legislature in the history of Missouri, and to keep pace with the general scheme of extravagance, went ahead and spent \$294,000 upon itself, or more than any other ordinary Legislature session in the history of the State.

"It is obvious that we can not go

up with our expenditures and down with our income. We can not be over generous, even with objects most worthy. We dare not greatly diminish our income, desirable as that might appear," from the second message of the Governor. In other words, since the Legislature was so busily engaged in boosting expenses that a State machine of extraordinary size might be built, there must not be any reduction in taxes. The motto was "Let income keep pace with expenses." Up with outlay and up with income."

Back to Common Sense.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

British Columbia has given up the attempt to rewrite human nature and the charter of law and liberty. For three and one-half years it has prohibited the sale of liquor. But liquor has been sold. For three and one-half years it has endeavored to stamp out intemperance by denying the wherewithal to slake even a temperate thirst. The result, as in all prohibition jurisdictions, has been to curtail temperance along with liquor evils and to stamp out as much of one as of the other.

The curse of liquor in America has been the manner of its dispensation; its sale in what might become and frequently did become a cultivated hellhole. To dispose of the saloon we attempted to dispose of liquor and in so doing found ourselves involved in innumerable difficulties of enforcement involving the problem of where to draw the line between liquor consumption as a crime and all other liquor consumption. The practical result has been a maze of legal tests, an orgy of violations and a general lowering of respect for the law.

We have not disposed of liquor. British Columbia, which is a year and a half older in prohibition than we are, did not dispose of liquor. Her final resort has been to revive the traffic under the auspices of common sense, decency, regulation and control. Liquor will be sold in sealed packages from Government stores, to persons bearing a permit. Its quality will be guaranteed, its amount to an individual limited, and the transactions of a decent person desiring a moderate portion of liquor need not be attended with the circumstances of crime.

Will America one day realize the futility of fooling herself? Will it go back to common sense and fundamental principles in dealing with the liquor problem? British Columbia sets an example.

Bank Commissioner Meets Depositors.

(De Soto Republican.)

State Bank Commissioner J. G. Hughes of Jefferson City came here Wednesday and met a large number of the depositors of the Peoples Bank in a meeting at the Jefferson Theatre at 2 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting was to get the sentiment of the depositors regarding the reorganization of the bank. After Mr. Hughes had made a detailed statement of his plan several other parties who were present made short talks, among them being C. L. Allen, cashier of the First National Bank of St. Louis; Bank Examiner West, Vice-President Hobbs of the Republic Trust Company of St. Louis; T. L. Burgess, cashier of the Bank of Pevely; W. R. Donnell, cashier of the Bank of Hillsboro, and Mr. Hornsey, cashier of the Bank of Blackwell.

The committee of seven which was appointed at a meeting held two weeks ago was present and made a report regarding the progress thus far in the matter of reorganization. A vote was taken on the proposition of retaining the present committee and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hughes expressed himself as being well pleased with the work of the committee and says that with such men as W. R. Donnell and W. J. Knorrp, with their knowledge of banking, and the other members, that there is no doubt that a safe reorganization could be perfected.

Another meeting was held at 7:30 in order that the shop men might have a chance to hear Mr. Hughes' plan. The sentiment at this meeting was strongly in favor of the reorganization of the bank.

Mr. Hughes is doing all in his power to bring about a reorganization of the institution and if he can get the hearty cooperation of all the people there is no doubt that he will be successful. He says the reorganization of the bank means more to the community than any other one thing that can be thought of. The effect it would have on business in this community makes it worth while for every man who can to take some stock and help to promote Mr. Hughes' plan.

Saint Louis Conference Standard Training School.

The Conference Standard Training School, to be held at Arcadia, Mo., July 28—August 5, will have a Faculty of men and women who are specialists in their several fields.

Prof. J. L. Cuninggim will teach the course on the Sunday School. Prof. Cuninggim has had practical experience as a Sunday School superintendent, pastor, presiding elder and teacher. He is now Professor of Religious Education in Southern Methodist University. He is joint author of the Standard Training Course text book on the organization and Administration of the Sunday School.

Dr. Thomas Carter will teach the course on the Bible. He has been a teacher of preachers for many years in Vanderbilt University and is recognized as an authority in our church on the Holy Bible. He is the author of the book, "The Story of the New Testament."

Prof. Edwin L. Shaver of Hendrix College will teach the course of Intermediate-Senior Characteristics in the St. Louis Conference Standard Training School. Prof. Shaver is Professor of Religious Education in Hendrix College and was for some time assistant in Religious Education with Dr. Coe in Columbia University. He is a graduate of Northwestern and is a Methodist preacher. He has already rendered some valuable service as an instructor in Standard Training Schools.

Mrs. Bert E. Morehouse, who will teach Primary Methods in the Arcadia Training School, was formerly Elementary Superintendent of the Sunday School Board for the M. E. Church. She is a recognized specialist in elementary work and is a member of the faculty at Lake Junaluska Training School for Leaders.

Miss Anna Marie Hansen will teach the course on the Junior Pupil in the St. Louis Conference Standard Training School at Arcadia, July 29—August 5. Miss Hansen was formerly Conference Elementary Superintendent in Florida, late Assistant Elementary Superintendent for the whole church, and is now giving all her time as an instructor in Standard Training Schools, with the General Sunday School Board, where she is rendering very valuable service.

President Bert Loomis will teach the course on Pupil Study. President Loomis is President of Marvin College and an educator and Christian leader of recognized ability in Missouri Methodism.

Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Director of the St. Louis Conference Standard Training School at Arcadia, is a member of the North Arkansas Conference. He was formerly Sunday School Field Secretary for that conference and is at present the Assistant Superintendent of Teacher Training for the M. E. Church, South, and gives most of his time to Standard Training School work.

Suit Involving Big Sum.

(Poplar Bluff American.)

A. T. Brewster of Ironton, Missouri, has returned from Jonesboro, Arkansas, where he appeared before the United States District Court as counsel for Richard J. D. Cowan, representing a group of 60 or more settlers in the Big Lake Settlement near Jonesboro, in an injunction suit against Drainage District No. 17 of Mississippi county, Arkansas, and the state tax collector, suit involving \$4,380,750. In the year 1847 the United States Government made a survey of Big Lake district and called it a lake, it being in the wet season and probably full of water. In 1914 a new survey was made with the result that the so called lake was declared land. In 1916 the government threw open the land to homesteaders. Soon after Cowan and others took up land. In 1917 a drainage district was organized in the district and an act became effective whereby a tax of \$60 per acre was imposed on the settlers for the drainage project. According to the petition of the plaintiff it is alleged that in 1917 when the state of Arkansas enacted the taxation statute, the land was government land and not subject to taxation. The petition in detail points out that taxation of government land by the Constitution of the United States and by the laws of the State of Arkansas, is unlawful. The injunction as instituted by Cowan through his attorney Mr. Brewster is on two counts. The first is an injunction to enjoin the sale and negotiation of the remaining drainage bonds, to the sum of \$2,380,750, that have not been sold, and the second to enjoin the collection from the tax

payors in the district the taxes to the sum of \$2,000,000 now due, following the sale of bonds to the latter named sum. Cowan is made plaintiff in the suit since the entire number of settlers cannot be summoned into court.

The event of findings for the plaintiff the entire 60 settlers will benefit by the court's decision. The suit may be a test case, affecting several millions of dollars more in Big Lake District. Should the defendant in the suit win the case the full burden of paying the taxes would undoubtedly fall upon those holding land that was not homestead or government land at the time the taxation statute passed the state legislature.

A Cyclone of Taxation.

(Caruthersville Argus.)

Arthur M. Hyde has not always been a stand-patter. In 1912 he was a Bull Moose fall-flatter, and assisted in the defeat of President Taft. If he continues in his efforts to set up a pigmy throne in Missouri he will wreck the G. O. P. in this state so completely that the scattering remains will never be assembled in fifty years. We don't care if he wrecks his political machine, if at the same time he does not wreck the state. The Republicans used to say, "Poor old Missouri!" She was a Garden of Eden and a land of plenty and happiness until the Republican cyclone of taxation and extravagance hit her. Our dear Republican friends (and God knows we like you personally), what do you think of your ex-Bull Moose governor as an economical governor?

Edward Wendell Post, No. 64, American Legion, will hold its next regular meeting at Bellevue, Mo., the first Wednesday in next month, June 1st. Meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. All ex-service men are invited to attend. ROLAND HILL, Post Historian.

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